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FOLLOWING IS RESUME OF DISCUSSION AT HEADS OF DELEGATIONS
MEETING APRIL 13:

1. PLACE OF NEXT SESSION. SRI LANKA CONFIRMED INVITATION
TO HOST 1974 SESSION. NO OFFERS YET FOR 1975. U NYUN
SUGGESTED RESERVING 1976 FOR BANGKOK, TO BE HELD IN NEW UN
BUILDING.

2. ADMISSION OF TTPI AND GILBERT ELLICE ISLANDS. US AND UK
MADE BRIEF STATEMENTS ON BEHALF OF APPLICANTS, UK ADDING REQUEST
THAT ECAFE BE MINDFUL OF ITS ROLE IN PACIFIC AREA AS WELL AS
ASIA. U NYUN EXPRESSED HOPE THAT PACIFIC ISLANDS COULD ENJOY
ECONOMIC PROGRESS WITHOUT LOSING THEIR CULTURAL HERITAGE AND
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INTRODUCING EVILS OF MODERN AND INDUSTRIAL SOCIETIES. NO OBJECTION RAISED TO NOMINATIONS. FORMAL NOMINATIONS WILL BE MADE IN PLENARY SESSION APRIL 16.

3. BIENNIAL MEETINGS. U NYUN MADE WELL- REASONED PLEA FOR RETAINING ANNUAL MEETINGS. US SUGGESTED THAT QUESTION BE INCLUDED IN ANY REVIEW OF ECAFE STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES, SUCH AS HAS BEEN PROPOSED , WAS ACCEPTED.

4. AIEDP: SINGAPORE CONFIRMED RUMORS THAT IT WAS WITHDRAWING OFFER TO HOST INSTITUTE. PLEADED DELAYS IN COMPLETING BUILDING AND NON- ACCEPTANCE BY ADB AND UNDP OF FRIEDMAN REPORT. LATTER FACTOR, THEY SAID RAISES DOUBTS ABOUT INSTITUTE' S FUTURE. U NYUN OBVIOUSLY DISCOMFITED AND ADMITTED HE HAD BEEN CAUGHT BY SURPRISE, " OTHERWISE I COULD HAVE HANDLED SITUATION." SAID HE HAD CALLED MEETING OF AIEDP GOVERNING COUNCIL FOR MAY 4, AND REVEALED THAT UNDP HAD WARNED THAT IT DID NOT WANT TO UNDERTAKE COMMITMENTS FOR INDEFINITE PERIODS; WILL PHASE DOWN CONTRIBUTION TO \$330,000 IN 1976/77 AND ZERO AFTER THAT. ADB OBVIOUSLY ALSO PREFERRED TO INVEST IN BANKABLE PROJECTS. HE SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING TRUST FUND, PERHAPS JOINT FUND FOR AIEDP, ACDA AND ASI. LATTER WILL NEED PERMANENT HOME, (IN LESS EXPENSIVE PLACE THAN TOKYO) AND WILL ALSO SOON NEED MORE PERMANENT FINANCIAL BASIS. ASIAN CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (ACDA) HAS NO FINANCIAL PROBLEMS AT PRESENT BUT SHOULD PLAN AHEAD, AND TRUST FUND MAY BE BEST SOLUTION. ACDA BUILDINGS AT KUALA LUMPUR ARE READY AND " NUCLEAR" STAFF IS ON HAND. (SEE COMMENT BELOW).

5. MEKONG FINANCING. U NYUN SAID THAT END OF HOSTILITIES IN INDOCHINA WOULD OFFER TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROCEEDING WITH MEKONG CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS REQUIRING LARGE SUMS OF MONEY. PLEASE ALERT GOVERNMENTS TO LOOSEN PURSESTRINGS. MEKONG COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BUI HUU TUAN (RVN MEMBER) TOOK FLOOR TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL DETAILS. CHINESE DELEGATION REMAINED SEATED, BUT SUBSEQUENTLY TOOK FLOOR TO SAY THAT COMPOSITION OF MCC WAS ABNORMAL AND UNREASONABLE; LOWER MEKONG BASIN WAS CONCERN OF ALL GOVERNMENTS IN MEKONG AREA; LON NOL CLIQUE (SIC) WAS ILLEGAL AND SHOULD BE REPLACED BY ROYAL KHMER GOVERNMENT UNDER SIHANNOUK; THERE SHOULD ALSO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM; WITHOUT RESOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM, QUESTION OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR MEKONG PROJECTS CANNOT BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESOLVED. U NYUN SAID HE WAS GRATEFUL FOR CHINESE STATEMENT, WHICH WOULD BE GIVEN DUE CONSIDERATION, AND HOPED THAT IN DUE TIME ALL INTERESTED PARTIES WOULD BE REPRESENTED.

6. ASIAN HIGHWAY: U NYUN ASKED GOVERNMENTS TO SUPPORT APPLICATION FOR SUPPORT NOW PENDING WITH UNDP.

7. ASIAN CLEARING UNION: U NYUN ANNOUNCED SIGNATURE CEREMONY FOR ACU AGREEMENT LATE NEXT WEEK.

8. ASIAN RICE FUND: U NYUN APPEALED FOR DEVELOPED COUNTRY ASSISTANCE (COMMENT: JAPAN HAS INDICATED INTEREST IN PLAN .)

9. EXTRA- BUDGETARY ASSISTANCE: U NYUN URGED DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO FOLLOW DUTCH EXAMPLE (\$3.5 MILLION FOR ECAFE OVER FOUR YEARS).

10. UNDEL COMMENT: AIEDP APPEARS TO BE IN A CRITICAL SITUATION. ALTHOUGH WE NOTE FROM ITEM SEVEN POSITION PAPER THAT AID AND UNEC SEEMS PREPARED TO BEAR THE POSSIBLE DEMISE OF AIEDP WITH EQU
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